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Dear Sir:

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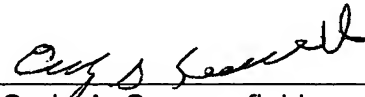
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Also enclosed is a copy of a Search Report from the German Patent Office citing two of these references, one as "X" and the other as "A", in the priority German application.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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